THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government, at present, has no proposal to include Gwar, Coriander, Cumin seeds, Methi (Medicage) and Isabogi under the Minimum Support Price Scheme.

Availability of fish in Oceans

3867. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the availability of fish diminished in the Arabian and Indian Oceans after the Tsumani incident;

(b) if so, whether the Government conducted any study to ascertain the charges to the living organisms caused due to the underwater seismic disturbances; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Solving agriculture problems

†3868. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have paid attention towards the suggestions made by Nobel laureate Dr. Amartya Sen for solving the present agricultural problems for the development of agriculture;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that he has suggested for solving the agricultural problems by indicating towards credit, land reform, health, education etc.;

(c) if so, reaction of Government on the suggestions made by him; and

(d) whether any target based plan on the basis of the suggestions has been prepared; if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Dr. Amartya Sen has at various times dealt with agriculture and allied issues. They include, *inter alia*, hunger, malnourishment; land reforms, incomes of farmers, trade issues etc. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through its plans and programmes is addressing some of the issues which fall within its domain. Information of other departments under this ministry and of other ministries will be supplied later on.

Pulses Technology Mission

3869. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of pulses in the country each year, during the last three years, in comparison to their consumption;

(b) whether pulses are imported;

(c) if so, the quantity of pulses imported each year during the last three years and the value thereof;

(d) the work, so far, done by the Pulses Technology Mission to raise the production of pulses in the country and also to check its import;

(e) whether Government are satisfied with the performance of the Pulses Technology Mission; and

(f) if so, the other measures proposed to be taken to raise the production of pulses in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The total production and estimated domestic consumption of pulses in the country during the year 2001-02 to 2003-04, are as under:

(Lakh Tonnes)

Year	Production	Consumption
2001-02	133.7	154.25
2002-03	111.3	129.87
2003-04	149.4	168.36

Note: The yearly total domestic consumption has been estimated as production + net import (import-export).